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GWENOM vs. CARNAGE



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LOOK, YOU KNOW THE STORY! AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOLER GWEN STACY WAS BITTEN BY AN IRRADIATED SPIDER AND GRANTED INCREDIBLE POWERS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN! AFTER A SERIES OF CALAMITIES, A SUIT OF SYNTHETIC SYMBIOTIC SLIME BECAME THE ONLY SOURCE OF GWEN'S ABILITIES – BUT REGARDLESS OF THEIR ORIGIN, GWEN USES HER POWERS FOR GOOD AS THE SUPER HERO CALLED GHOST-SPIDER.

KNULL, GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES, CONNECTED TO HIS ARMIES THROUGH A PSYCHIC HIVEMIND, HAS LAUNCHED AN ALL-OUT ASSAULT ON EARTH.

BECAUSE OF THE OTHERWORLDLY NATURE OF GWEN'S SUIT, IT IS ONE OF BUT A FEW SYMBIOTES KNULL HAS NO SWAY OVER.

BUT IF GWEN ISN'T CAREFUL, HER SUIT WILL MAKE HER A TARGET, AND WHETHER SHE KNOWS IT OR NOT, THIS MAKES HER A THREAT TO KNULL'S ONSLAUGHT...

GWENOM VS. CARNAGE

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THE MARVEL
UNIVERSE.
NOW.

EMPIRE
STATE UNIVERSITY.
WHERE I'M ATTENDING
INTERDIMENSIONAL
COLLEGE, MY HOME.

BURIED IN
SYMBIOTE GOO.
SO, YOU KNOW...

...THE USUAL.

**GWEN STACY OF EARTH-65.
THE HAUNTING GHOST-SPIDER.**



MY NAME IS GWEN STACY. THIS ISN'T MY EARTH.

WHEN I GOT HERE AND SAID IT WAS GOING TO TAKE SOMETHING *BIG* FOR ME TO SUIT UP IN THIS DIMENSION, I DIDN'T MEAN IT LITERALLY.

IT'S RAINING DRAGONS. LIKE, LITERAL DRAGONS.



BEST PART? THESE THINGS DON'T SET OFF MY SPIDER-SENSE AT ALL. ARE THEY DANGEROUS? UH, YEAH. CAN I FEEL THEM COMING?



THAT WOULD BE A NO. N-O. NOT HAPPENING.

THEY'RE RELATED TO VENOM, SOME SUPER VILLAIN WHO'S FOUGHT THIS WORLD'S PETER PARKER--BUT THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT HERE.



THE SCREAMING SOUNDED LIKE IT WAS COMING FROM SOMEWHERE RIGHT OVER--

--THERE.



HOLD ON,
I'M COMING!

WHATEVER
THIS STUFF IS...

I DON'T
THINK I SHOULD
TOUCH IT.

YOU GOT
THIS, GWEN.
THIS IS--

OH.

YOU'RE A
SUPER HERO,
AREN'T YOU?!
HELP ME!

PLEASE,
ANYBODY!
HELLP!

I'M ALWAYS A
SUPER HERO. EVEN
WHEN I'M BEING
SEMI-RETIRED.



YOU CAN
CALL ME
GHOST-SPIDER
HOLD ON!

THWIP!





WHAT THE HECK
WAS THAT?



H-HELLO?
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
ARE YOU **ALIVE**
IN THERE?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
HOW IS IT **STRONGER**
THAN MY WEBBING?



THIS ISN'T
POSSIBLE--
IT'S...IT'S
MAKING HIM...



...A MONSTER.

WHAT
THE WHAT
NOW?!



THWIP

THWIP

I AM SO OUT
OF MY ELEMENT
WITH THIS.



WHAT THE
@#!% WAS
THAT?



WHATEVER IT WAS, IT'S
HAVING AN EFFECT ON MY
SUIT. I CAN FEEL IT, LIKE
A SHADOW.



SO I WON'T DO
THAT AGAIN.

TLAC!

I'M
BACK!

I NEED A PLAN.
I NEED PETER.
BUT FIRST...



...I NEED TO KEEP MY
ROOMMATES SAFE.

OKAY, YOU ALL
NEED TO STAY
INSIDE!

YOU WERE
SUPPOSED TO BE
BACK AN HOUR
AGO!

I WAS TRYING
TO FIND US A WAY OUT OF
HERE BEFORE THE POWER
GOES OUT LIKE OUR PHONES
DID! WE'RE THE ONLY PEOPLE
IN THIS WING WHO MISSED
EVAC.



I'M SORRY I WORRIED YOU. I'M STILL WILLING TO GO ON SCAVENGING RUNS, BUT IT'S **NASTY** OUT THERE.

THOSE **DRAGON THINGS** ARE EVERYWHERE, AND THE **GOO** IS SPREADING.

IT'S NOT **SAFE** OUTSIDE. I BARELY MADE IT BACK.



I'M SURE **THE AVENGERS** KNOW. THAT'S WHAT **HEROES** ARE FOR.

THEY SAVE PEOPLE.

YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO BE THE ONE WHO GOES OUT LOOKING FOR SUPPLIES, YOU KNOW. WE CAN **TAKE TURNS**~

NO! I MEAN, I'M **CLAUSTROPHOBIC**. BRR. I NEED TO GET **OUT** ONCE IN A WHILE.

WE **ALL** WANT TO GET OUT. HOW BAD CAN IT ACTUALLY **BE**?

CARRIE! YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO **SAY** THAT!



SPLINTER
REEEEEEEE

AAAAHHHHH!



HEY,
UGLY! PICK ON
SOMEONE YOUR
OWN SIZE!

TWIP!

TWIP!

COME ON!
CHASE THE GIRL IN
THE COSTUME MADE OF
LIVING SPIDERS, NOT
THE INNOCENT
CO-EDS!

SREEE

NO IDEA WHAT
WOULD HAPPEN
IF THIS THING
TOUCHES ME.

NO TIME TO
BE CUTE.

ERRRACK

NEED TO HIT IT WITH
EVERYTHING I'VE
GOT. NEED TO WIN.

SREEE!

AAAAH!

TWIP!

D-D-D-RAGON!

NOT!
HELPING!

IT'S BLOCKING THE
WINDOW. THE HELL
AM I SUPPOSED
TO DO HERE?

COME ON!
CHASE ME,
DAMMIT!

YOU GIRLS STAY
COVERED! DON'T
LET THE GOO
TOUCH YOU!



A comic book page with four panels. The top panel shows Spider-Man in a dark, destroyed room with large black symbiote goo blobs. He is looking at a doorway where a figure is standing. The second panel is a close-up of the figure in the doorway, who is a symbiote with a pink mask. The third panel shows Spider-Man looking at the symbiote figure. The fourth panel shows Spider-Man looking at a large, broken green box on the floor. The symbiote figure is also present in the third and fourth panels.

NO ROOMMATES, BUT THREE
ROOMMATE-SIZED PODS
OF SYMBIOTE GOO.

NO...

I LED IT
AWAY.

YOU WERE
SUPPOSED TO
BE SAFE.

Reeee!

YOU WERE
PRETTY GOOD
ROOMMATES.
I'M SORRY.

Reeee!

NOW IS NOT
THE TIME! I'M
MOURNING!

WHAH!

Reeee!



I SHOULD HAVE
SAVED YOU. MAYBE
I STILL CAN.

EITHER WAY, THAT
DOESN'T MEAN YOU
GET TO EAT ME.





TWIP!!

THEN AGAIN, I DOUBT *ANYONE'S* DAY IS GOING THE WAY THEY PLANNED.

THWIP THWIP

SQUELCH

CAN'T TOUCH IT.
CAN'T HIT IT.
CAN'T STOP IT.

BUT AS LONG AS IT'S FLYING AWAY FROM THE DORM, IT'S NOT HURTING ANYONE.



WAIT FOR IT...
WAIT FOR IT...



REEEEEEEE!



TURN,
BIG GUY!
TURN!

PHYSICS
CAN BE FUN!

OKAY, OKAY. GOTTA FIGURE
OUT WHAT'S GOING ON, FIND
PETER OR MILES--THEY'LL
HAVE THE SITREP...

NO, THAT'S
NOT GOING
TO WORK.

THIS STUFF--WHATEVER
IT IS--IT'S ADAPTING.
IT KNOWS IT CAN GET
ME THROUGH THE WEB.

GOOD THING
I HAVE OTHER MEANS
OF TRANSIT.

I SWORE I WOULDN'T USE
MY TELEPORTER NECKLACE
TO GO HOME UNLESS IT WAS
AN EMERGENCY.

THIS COUNTS.

WHAT
THE--

THIS ISN'T HOW
IT'S SUPPOSED
TO WORK!

WHAT IS
HAPPENING?!

EARTH-65, NOT VERY LONG AGO.

YOU MAY AS WELL
STOP **STRUGGLING**, MISS
WATSON. THERE'S NO
POINT TO IT ANYWAY.

IN THE ABSENCE
OF OUR FAIR MISS **STACY**,
I NEED YOUR HELP WITH A
PROJECT I'VE BEEN
WORKING ON.

YOU SEE,
AFTER OUR LAST
ENCOUNTER I WAS ABLE
TO ACQUIRE SOME OF
HER FASCINATING
SPIDERS.

THEY'RE
BONDED TO
HER, AND SHE HAS
A **BOND** WITH
YOU.

I'M
WONDERING
IF THEY MIGHT
BRIDGE THE
DIVIDE.

NOTHING
CAN KEEP GWEN
STACY FROM **THE**
JACKAL.



NOT THE
OUTCOME I WAS
EXPECTING...





AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!

FEELS LIKE I'M
BEING SPLIT IN
TWO! BUT IS THAT
--IS THAT MJ?!

HANG
ON!

WHAT IS
HAPPENING?!

MJ!
HOLD
ON!

THIS ISN'T
HAPPENING.

THIS IS
NOT HOW
MY NECKLACE
WORKS.

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Drawing
by



I'VE GOT YOU, MJ. I'VE GOT YOU.

GWEN?!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?! WHERE ARE WE?!

HEY, MJ.
BEEN A MINUTE.
HANG O--

CRASH!!

SPLORCH!!



MJ!

--AHHH--
GLUB





STILL THE MARVEL UNIVERSE.



KNULL, GOD OF SYMBIOTES.
KINDA RUNNING THIS NIGHTMARE PARTY.

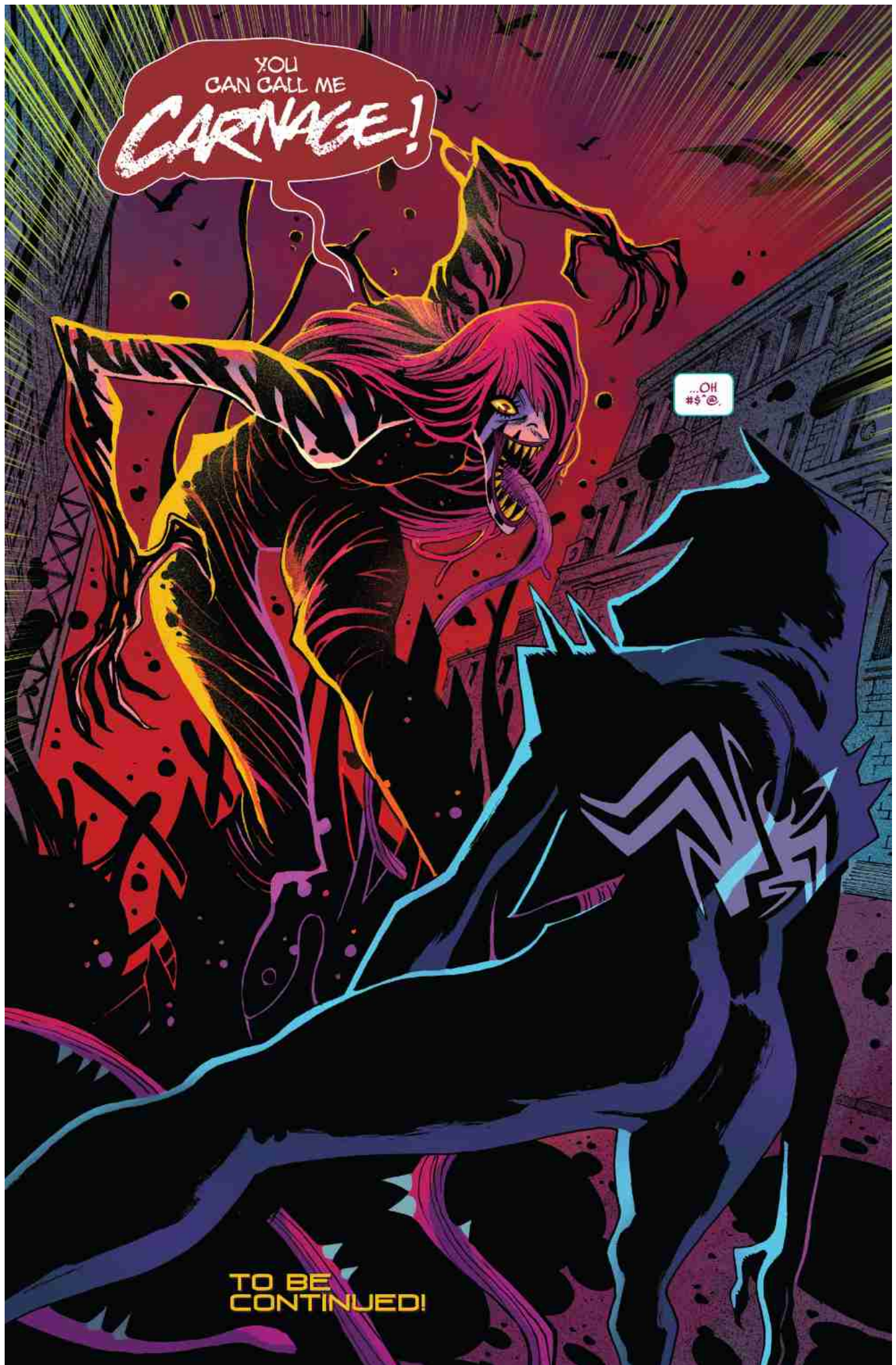




YOU
CAN CALL ME
CARNAGE!

...OH
#5 @.

TO BE
CONTINUED!



GWENCILS DOWN

LOOK OUT, GWEN! THERE'S A NEW SYMBIOTE IN TOWN!

HELLO, WEB-HEADS! AND, MAN, I AM OVER THE MOON THAT YOU ARE HOLDING THIS COMIC BOOK IN YOUR HANDS. IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING!

NEARLY TWO YEARS AGO, WHEN SEANAN MCGUIRE BEGAN HER RUN ON WHAT WAS THEN **SPIDER-GWEN: GHOST-SPIDER** AND EVENTUALLY JUST **GHOST-SPIDER**, SHE HAD AN AMBITIOUS IDEA FOR THE DIRECTION TO TAKE THE CHARACTER AND HER UNIQUE POWERS: MAKE MJ CARNAGE.

SEANAN HAD A COUPLE OF ARCS SHE WANTED TO WORK THROUGH BEFORE WE EVEN HIT A POINT AT WHICH MJARNAGE (AS WE'VE AFFECTIONALLY BEEN CALLING HER) WOULD EVEN BE A PLAYER ON THE BOARD. BUT MAN-WOLF, THEN THE JACKAL — THESE WERE THE STEPPING STONES ON THE PATH TOWARD A MUCH LARGER ENDGAME.

A BATTLE OF THE BANDS TO BEAT 'EM ALL!

AT FIRST I BALKED AT THE NOTION — WAS IT TOO SIMILAR TO THE ULTIMATE U'S GWARNAGE CHARACTER? AND, BESIDES, AREN'T THERE TOO MANY SYMBIOTES IN THE MARVEL MULTIVERSE ALREADY?

AND THEN **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE** HAPPENED, AND THE MESSAGE FROM YOU READERS OUT THERE IN MIGHTY MARVELDOM RANG OUT LOUD AND CLEAR: THERE CAN NEVER BE TOO MANY SYMBIOTES!

WELL, GOOD NEWS, SPIDER-PHILES! BECAUSE AFTER **GHOST-SPIDER** (AND A GREAT GUEST APPEARANCE IN **THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN**) YOUR FAVORITE INTERDIMENSIONAL COLLEGE STUDENT, GWEN STACY, HAS FOUND HERSELF IN A WORLD BESET BY THE KING IN BLACK — AND WHETHER SHE LIKES IT OR NOT, SHE'S UP TO HER NECK IN SYMBIOTES.

AS SOON AS WE KNEW KING IN BLACK WAS ON THE HORIZON, SEANAN STARTED PLOTTING — AND, BOY, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IS IN STORE FOR GWEN AND MARY JANE. THIS ARC WILL CHANGE THE HISTORY OF BOTH CHARACTERS FOREVER.

WITH THE SHAPE OF THE STORY HAMMERED OUT, A NEW QUESTION AROSE: JUST WHO THE HECK SHOULD DRAW THE DARN THING? ENTER FLAVIANO, WHO HIMSELF IS NO STRANGER TO SYMBIOTE LORE, HAVING BROUGHT **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: LETHAL PROTECTORS** TO LIFE WITH FRANK TIERI DURING LAST YEAR'S SYMBIOTIC SLAUGHTERFEST.

THE WORK FLAVIANO HAS DONE HERE IS SECOND TO NONE AND SOME OF THE MOST EXCITING STUFF I'VE HAD THE CHANCE TO WORK ON IN MY TIME AS GWEN'S EDITOR! JUST CHECK OUT THE DESIGNS HE CAME UP WITH:



BUT WITH ALL THIS CHANGE, ALL THESE CRAZY CREATURES SWOOPING AMONG THE CANYONS OF MARVEL'S NEW YORK, WE WANTED A FAMILIAR HAND AT THE WHEEL FOR THE COLORS, AND RICO RENZI WAS OUR FIRST AND ONLY CALL! A MEMBER OF THE ORIGINAL CREATIVE TEAM ON **SPIDER-GWEN**, HE'S ONE OF THE BEST IN THE BIZ AND KNOWS THE MARVEL U INSIDE AND OUT!

SO JUST WAIT, TRUE BELIEVERS! THIS TEAM HAS PUT TOGETHER ONE OF THE MOST DECIDEDLY DEADLY STORIES THAT GWEN STACY HAS EVER SEEN — AND THAT'S SAYING SOMETHING.

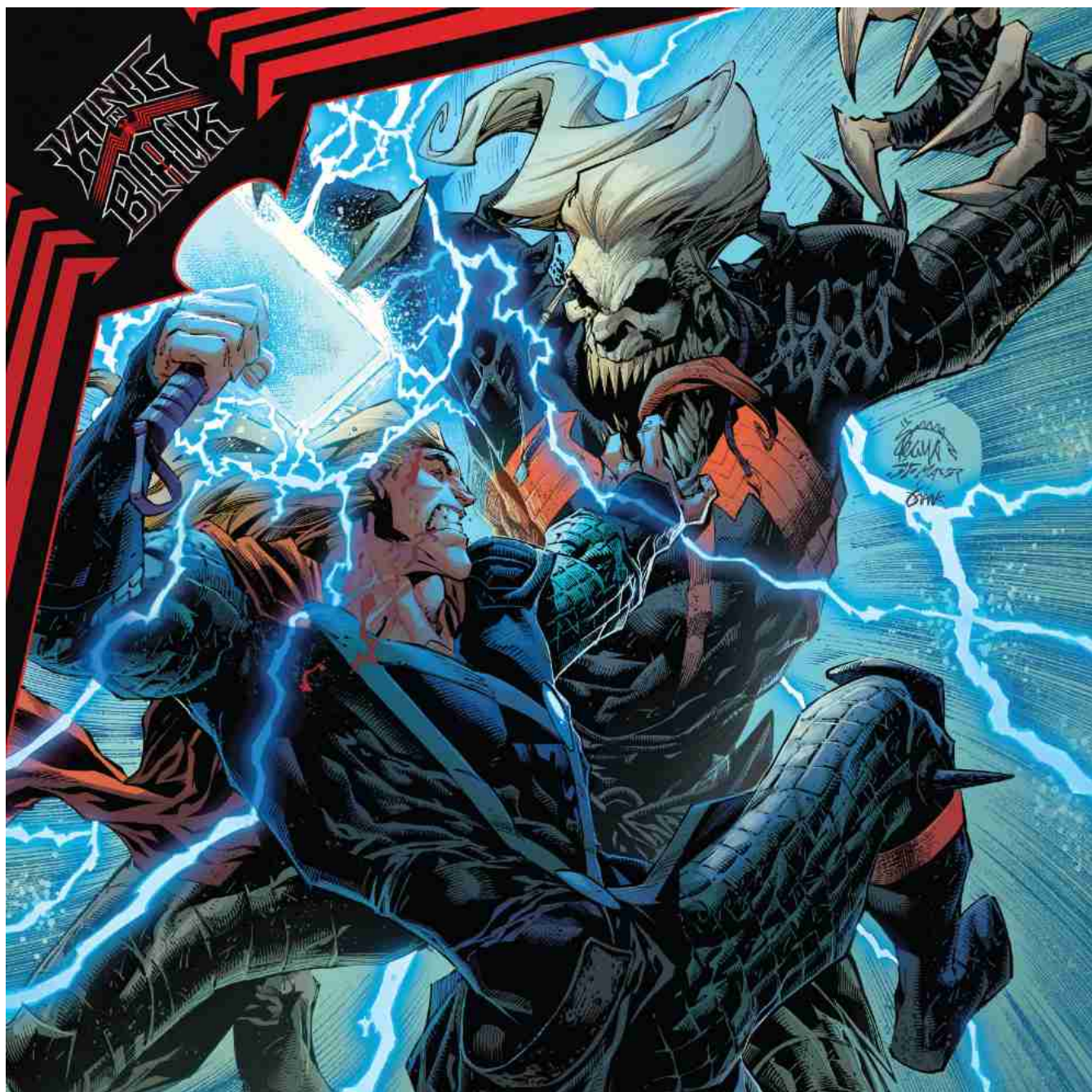
WHILE YOU'RE WAITING FOR #2 — LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF THIS ISSUE BY WRITING TO SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM AND BE SURE TO MARK YOUR LETTER "OKAY TO PRINT"!

STAY SHARP!
DEVIN
12.9.20

**KING
IN
BLACK**

NEXT:
KING IN BLACK:
GWENOM VS. CARNAGE #2





CHECKLIST

☒ **VENOM #32**

REST IN PEACE.

☒ **RETURN OF THE VALKYRIES #1**

THE VALKYRIES MUST SAVE THE SOUL OF THE SENTRY!

☒ **SPIDER-WOMAN #8**

JESSICA DREW BREAKS BAD AS DARKNESS FALLS ON MANHATTAN!

☒ **SYMBIOTE SPIDER-MAN: KING IN BLACK #3**

SPIDER-MAN TRAVELS THROUGH SPACE TO THE SEVERED HEAD OF A CELESTIAL, BETTER KNOWN AS KNOWHERE!

☒ **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #10**

THE GUARDIANS WEREN'T FAST ENOUGH TO SAVE EARTH FROM KNULL—BUT CAN THEY SAVE THEMSELVES?

☒ **KING IN BLACK: GWENOM VS. CARNAGE #1**

A BATTLE OF THE BANDS LIKE NO OTHER: GWEN STACY VS. MARY JANE WATSON!

☒ **KING IN BLACK: PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES #1**

THE SYMBIOTES SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH? NOT IF SCREAM CAN HELP IT!

☒ **KING IN BLACK: THUNDERBOLTS #1**

WILSON FISK, MAYOR OF NEW YORK, HAS TAKEN MATTERS INTO HIS OWN HANDS...BY ASSEMBLING A TEAM OF VILLAINS TO SAVE NEW YORK!

☒ **S.W.O.R.D. #2**

TO SAVE THE GALAXY, THEY MUST SAVE ONE OF THEIR OWN!

☒ **THE UNION #2**

THE GLOBAL ASSAULT OF SYMBIOTES SPARES NO VICTIMS!

☐ **KING IN BLACK #3 (PICTURED)**

WHAT'S A GOD TO A KING?

☐ **BLACK CAT #2**

FELICIA IS TASKED WITH SAVING DOCTOR STRANGE—WITH ANTI-VENOM?!

☐ **DEADPOOL #10**

MONSTERS BEWARE—IT'S KING VS. KING FOR STATEN ISLAND!

☐ **KING IN BLACK: NAMOR #3**

TIDES RISE AS NAMOR'S SECRET PAST SPILLS OVER!

☐ **DAREDEVIL #26**

MATT MURDOCK AND ELEKTRA MUST EACH FACE THE DELUGE OF SYMBIOTES CONSUMING THE CITY!

